

## **Public Notice – Environmental Project**

### **PURPOSE OF NOTICE:**

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in the City of Chesapeake, Virginia.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

February 26, 2010 to March 23, 2010

### **TYPE OF RESPONSE:**

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal action to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

### **NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:**

U.S. Department of Agriculture

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Lawson Realty Corporation has applied for funding through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to rehabilitate the Harbor North Apartments in the City of Chesapeake. The project would combine 2 apartment complexes containing 120 units each into 1 apartment complex containing 240 units. Renovations would utilize green building technologies that meet the earth craft certification. Renovations include the installation of energy star windows, doors, insulation, hot water heaters, and appliances; the replacement of baseboard heat with heat pumps; the modification of 10% of the units to ADA mobility standards; construction of new playgrounds; and landscaping. The project would also include the construction of a 1,262 square foot community center and 574 square foot maintenance office on the property. USDA has submitted a Federal Consistency Determination (FCD) that finds the proposed action consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) (previously called the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program).

### **HOW TO COMMENT:**

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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